ed right to, but were deprived of by the hands of violence and oppreſſion in their native country. We, Sir, their poſterity, the freeholders and other inhabitants of this town, legally aſſembled for that purpoſe, poſſeſſed of the ſame ſentiments, and retaining the ſame ardour for liberty, think it our indiſpenſable duty, on this occaſion, to expreſs to you theſe our ſentiments of the ſtamp-act, and its fatal conſequences to this country; and to injoin upon you, as you regard not only the welfare, but the very being of this people, that you (conſiſtent with our allegiance to the King, and relation to the Government of Great Britain) diſregarding all propoſals for that purpoſe, exert all your power and influence in relation to the ſtamp-act, at leaſt until we hear the ſucceſs of our petitions for relief. We likewiſe, to avoid diſgracing the memories of our anceſtors, as well as the reproaches of our own conſciences and the curſes of poſterity, recommend it to you to obtain, if poſſible, in the honourable Houſe of Repreſentatives of this province, a full and explicit aſſertion of our rights, and to have the ſame entered on their public records, that all generations yet to come may be convinced, that we have not only a juſt ſenſe of our rights and liberties, but that we never (with ſubmiſſion to Divine Providence) will be ſlaves to any power on earth; and, as we have at all times an abhorrence of tumults and diſorders, we think ourſelves happy in being at preſent under no apprehenſions of any, and in having good and wholeſome laws ſufficient to preſerve the peace of the province in all future times, unleſs provoked by ſome imprudent meaſures: So we think it by no means adviſeable for you to intereſt yourſelf in the protection of ſtamp-papers or ſtamp-officers.

'The only thing we have further to recommend to you at this time is to obſerve on all occaſions a ſuitable frugality and œconomy in the public expences; and that you conſent to no unneceſſary or unuſual grant at this time of diſtreſs, when the people are groaning under the burthen of heavy taxes; and that you uſe your endeavours to inquire into, and bear teſtimony againſt, any paſt, and to prevent any future unconſtitutional draughts on the public treaſury.'

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PREFACE

And Illuſtration of the FRONTISPIECE.

IN entering upon the xxxviith Volume of our Magazine, we flatter ourſelves of having ſufficient reaſon to felicitate the public, that whatever grievances have been hitherto complained of, are likely, in a ſhort time, to be redreſſed by the auſpicious care of his Majeſty, whoſe paternal goodneſs and love for his people have conſtantly been exerted in making the beſt proviſions for their welfare, and for all other exigencies of the ſtate.

In renewing here alſo our thanks to the public, for the continuance of their favourable regard for this our periodical work, that we may always have ſome pretenſions to merit the ſame attention, eſpecially by the choice of ſome matter equally entertaining and inſtructive, we have endeavoured to give a faint ſketch, in the Frontiſpiece, of our future happineſs, in a great meaſure ſecured to us, by the late important * Act, 'for providing for the adminiſtration of government, in caſe the Crown ſhould deſcend to any of the children of his Majeſty, being under the age of eighteen years; and for the care and guardianſhip of their perſons.' His Royal Highneſs, the Prince of Wales, the preſent preſumptive heir to the Crown, is there repreſented, ſupported by his Majeſty and Pallas, the emblematic Goddeſs of Wiſdom. His Majeſty, in a

* See an Abſtract of this Act in our Magazine for May laſt.

Roman habit, points to the Temple of Fame and Immortality, to which he wiſhes he was conſigned over; and the Queen, in the character of Regent, and principal Guardian, chearfully undertakes the charge of ſo great and precious a depoſit, to be cheriſhed in ſo pleaſing and glorious an abode. The tutelary genius of Great Britain, with the inſcription over him, SUNT HÆC MUNERA DIVUM, 'This is the gift of Heaven,' inviſibly guides him to this Temple. The other figures on the groundwork are expreſſive of the *Inſignia Imperii*, or Enſigns of Majeſty, together with the ſymbols of arts, ſciences, and all branches of polite literature, the uſual ornaments of a ſtate under a wiſe and good King.

It is the general wiſh, a wiſh, indeed, replete with raptures, that his Royal Highneſs may be a pledge of the Almighty's good-will to the people of this kingdom, and an illuſtrious example to the Princes of the earth; that he may add glory to that of his Royal anceſtors; that he may learn to regard leſs his own intereſt than that of his people; that the love of his people may be predominant in him over all other temporal happineſs; and that honour, virtue, and truth, may be upon all occaſions his greateſt glory.

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